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METHOD AND DEVICE	)	
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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on September 21, 2005, the Examiner indicates that claims 4-8 depend from claim 3. However, claim 7 is an independent claim that does not depend from claim 3. Accordingly, claim 7 is not limited by any of the elements of claim 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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